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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Ulrich Riegel et al.

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For: Swellable Hydrogel-Forming Polymers  
Having High Permeability

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Examiner: B. Gillespie

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is a response to the Office Action of July 6, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

**The Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.